



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2022-0403; Airspace Docket No. 22-AEA-6]

RIN 2120-AA66

Amendment of Class E Airspace; Honesdale, PA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action amends Class E airspace in Honesdale, PA, as Spring Hill Airport has been abandoned and controlled airspace is no longer required, and removes Wilkes-Barre VORTAC from the description, as it is no longer necessary to describe the airspace. This action also updates Cherry Ridge Airport's geographic coordinates to coincide with the FAA's database. This action enhances the safety and management of controlled airspace within the national airspace system.

DATES: Effective 0901 UTC, September 8, 2022. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under 1 CFR part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order JO 7400.11 and publication of conforming amendments.

ADDRESSES: FAA Order JO 7400.11F, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at

https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/. For further information, you can contact the Airspace Policy Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, 20591; Telephone: (202) 267-8783.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority for this Rulemaking

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it amends Class E airspace in Honesdale, PA, to support IFR operations in the area.

History

The FAA published a notice of proposed rulemaking in the *Federal Register* (87 FR 22161, April 14, 2022) for Docket No. FAA-2022-0403 to amend Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface in Honesdale, PA, by removing Spring Hill Airport from the descriptor because the airport has been abandoned and airspace is no longer necessary. This action also removes Wilkes-Barre VORTAC from the description, as it is no longer necessary, and updates the geographic coordinates of Cherry Ridge Airport to coincide with the FAA's data base. This action enhances the safety and management of controlled airspace within the national airspace system. In addition, subsequent to the publication of the NPRM the FAA determined this action needed to be amended by replacing the term revocation of airspace with the term amendment of airspace.

Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received.

Class E airspace designations are published in Paragraph 6005 of FAA Order JO 7400.11F, dated August 10, 2021, and effective September 15, 2021, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in FAA Order JO 7400.11.

Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference

This document amends FAA Order JO 7400.11F, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 10, 2021, and effective September 15, 2021. FAA Order JO 7400.11F is publicly available as listed in the ADDRESSES section of this document. FAA Order JO 7400.11F lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic routes, and reporting points.

The Rule

The FAA is amending 14 CFR part 71 by amending Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface in Honesdale, PA, by removing Spring Hill Airport from the description, as the airport has closed. This action also removes Wilkes-Barre VORTAC from the description, as it is no longer necessary, and updates the geographic coordinates of Cherry Hill Airport to coincide with the FAA's database.

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FAA Order JO 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is published yearly and effective on September 15.

Regulatory Notices and Analyses

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. It, therefore: (1) is not a "significant regulatory action"

under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a “significant rule” under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is minimal. Since this is a routine matter that only affects air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, does not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Environmental Review

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, “Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures,” paragraph 5-6.5a. This airspace action is not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts, and no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment.

Lists of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air)

Adoption of the Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

PART 71 --DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

1. The authority citation for part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g); 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389

§71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order 7400.11F, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 10, 2021, and effective September 15, 2021, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6005. Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward from 700 feet or More Above the Surface of the Earth.

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AEA PA E5 Honesdale, PA [Amended]

Cherry Ridge Airport, PA

(lat. 41°30'56"N., long 75°15'06"W.)

Honesdale Sports Complex Heliport Point in Space Coordinates

(lat. 41°34'11"N., long. 75°14'49"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.3-mile radius of Cherry Ridge Airport, and that airspace within a 6-mile radius of the point in space coordinates serving the Honesdale Sports Complex Heliport.

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